

Weather Forecast

Generally fair, with continued warm temperatures probable.

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BIG TRI-STATE FAIR

Hundreds of Visitors Swarm Grounds as Officials Predict the Biggest and Best Exhibition Ever Held.

TRI-STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Sept. 25.—Although the opening hour of the thirteenth annual Tri-State fair was announced officially as noon Saturday, long before that hour hundreds of eager, enthusiastic visitors had passed through the turnstiles. Officials freely predicted that this would be the greatest year of the great fair.

Certainly in no previous year have preparations been so extensive for handling the crowds and providing amusement for them. Every sort of exhibit and attraction Saturday was exceeding past performance.

The spirit of the fair and of the carnival is in the air. Bunting, a riot of color, the busy sound of hammers and the fragrant smell of "hot dogs" and hamburgers—these greeted the early morning visitors. All was hustle and bustle to be ready by noon.

Many of the exhibitors completed early Saturday morning. Others were in the process of completion. Every man, woman and child in the grounds seemed to have some pressing business at hand that demanded his immediate attention, and he was about it. The fair was almost everywhere displayed no whit less energy. It was in the decorating that the women show brightest.

Small boys, attracted by the same energy producer that gives them "pep" to be present at the unloading of the circus, literally swarmed through the grounds. Through that mysterious source known only to small boys, and lost by them when they reach maturity, they had become possessed of various sorts of noise producers. Victims not being no much in evidence as the workers on the concessions, these latter frequently were the victims of a loud "pop" of explosion, delivered by a mischievous boy who was 40 feet away before the startled one could collect himself and focus his gaze on the disturber.

Live stock exhibits rapidly were being arranged. Many of the stalls in the cattle building and numerous pens in the swine exhibit had been cleaned out, and occupants moved in before the sun was any way close to meridian. Hundreds and hundreds of exhibition cages containing chickens and pigeons were ready for the thousands who will pass through the turnstiles during the next week.

Final preparations in decorating the new Auto Show building were being made. The show will be moved in later Saturday. The building which is new for the 1920 fair, is beautifully decorated.

Out of the confusion which marked the whole Friday slowly emerged order. The grounds were being cleaned up. Many of the early visitors strolled toward the new grand stand. The stand was the feature of the day. It was new, and has been moved further south. The race track had been rebuilt and covered by a mile and a half. It formerly was a mile track.

Harvest races are scheduled for 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon over the new track.

At 3 o'clock the big thriller of the day, the airplane race, was on. Daredevil Wright in an airplane changing stunt eagerly was awaited. The plane in the air was a sight to behold. As the plane was in the air, as well as among the visitors, "Curly" Burns, Wright's partner, was in the air. Burns promised that he would make the first view of this start-line stunt. The plane was in the air, and Burns promised that he would make the first view of this start-line stunt.

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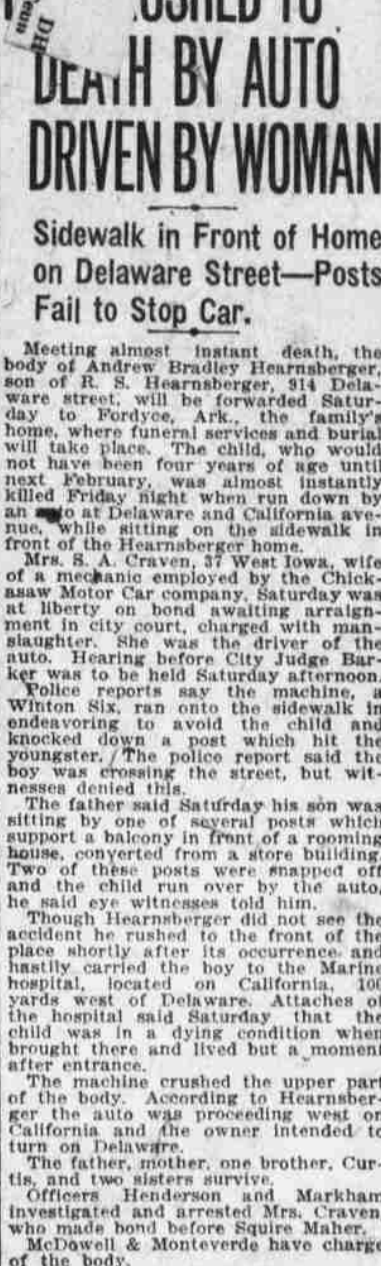


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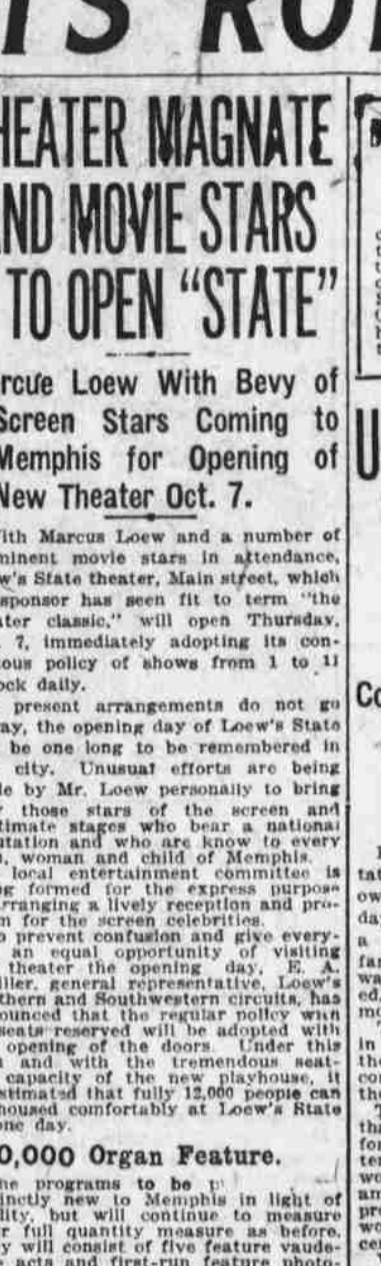


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